

Government of Tamil Nadu

Abstract

Forests - Wildlife – Acquisition of Private/Patta Lands for Elephant Corridor –
Constitution of Exploratory Committee - Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.V) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.93

Dated: 21.8.2007

Read:

- 1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter Ref. No.WL5/9537/2005, dated 14.6.2006 and dated 6.11.2006.
 - 2) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests D.O. Letter No.WL 5/9537/2005, dated 18.7.2007.
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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden in his letters first read above has stated that the increased biotic pressure on the forest area in the form diversion of forest areas legally/illegally to serve the various needs of increasing human and cattle population created fragmentation of forest areas thereby affecting the movement of animals and cutting down the animal movement corridor. As a result of which incidents of deprecation of the wild animals like elephant from the forest areas for food and water and straying into human habitats and also poaching of animals have increased. With a view to minimize the incidents of man-animal conflict and to have effective control to check poaching, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has suggested that the private/patta lands forming the traditional movement corridor of animals particularly elephants between the Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks to other parts and also form Eastern and Western Chats may be brought under the control of the Forest Department by acquiring the lands after paying compensation. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his D.O. letter second read above has sent proposal to form an Exploratory Committee headed by the Collector, Nilgris District with the District Forest Officer, Nilgris North Division, Wildlife Warden, Ooty, Revenue Development Officer, Ooty and the Thasildhar concerned as Members of the Committee to find out the willingness of the farmers who can spare their land willingly for acquisition for Elephant Corridor.

3. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and accordingly direct that the Exploratory committee shall be constituted as follows :-

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| (1) | Collector of Nilgris | Chairman |
| (2) | District Forest Officer, Nilgris North Division | Member |
| (3) | Wildlife Warden, Ooty | Member |
| (4) | Revenue Development Officer, Ooty | Member |
| (5) | Thasildhar Concerned | Member |

The Wildlife Warden, Ooty shall be nominated as Member–Secretary of the Committee.

4. The Committee shall go for Kallar Jaccanari Corridor to explore the possibility of acquiring the Patta lands with the willingness of the farmers who can spare their lands for acquisition of lands to restore Elephant Corridor.

(By Order of the Governor)

R.Rajagopal
Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-15.

The Collector of Nilgris District.

The District Forest Officer, Nilgris.

The Wildlife Warden, Ooty.

through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

The Revenue Development Officer, Ooty.

The Thasildhar Concerned.

through the Collector of Nilgris District.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-600 035.

The Accountant General-I/II, 361, Anna Salai, Chennai-18.

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